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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A biochemical analyzing method comprising the steps of fixing probes selected in advance on a substrate;

binding a target with <u>at least one of</u> the probes using a specific binding reaction to capture the target;

fractionating <u>a combined bodies body</u> of the probe, <u>and</u> the captured target <u>and a substance derived from a living organism other than the captured target which is bound with the probe due to a similarity in structure;</u>

detecting only a fractionated target; and

quantitatively analyzing the detected target, wherein the probes are spotted on the substrate and fixed thereon, and the combined <u>body bodies</u> of the probe, <u>and</u> the captured targets and the substance derived from a living organism other than the target is are electrophoresed, thereby being fractionated,

wherein during the fractionating, the combined <u>body</u> <u>bodies</u> of the probe and the captured target <u>and the substance derived from a living organism other than the target</u> is separated into a plurality of fractions based on molecular weight.

2. (currently amended): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the target is bound with the probes at least one probe using hybridization.

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- 3. canceled.
- 4. (currently amended): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the respective captured targets are combined body of the probe, the captured target and the substance derived from a living organism other than the target is electrophoresed in a direction at an angle with the surface of the substrate, thereby being fractionated.
- 5. (currently amended): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the respective captured targets are combined body of the probe, the captured target and the substance derived from a living organism other than the target is electrophoresed in gel adjacent and in contact with to the substrate, thereby being fractionated.
- 6. (currently amended): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the respective captured targets are combined body of the probe, the captured target and the substance derived from a living organism other than the target is electrophoresed in a block of gel adjacent to the substrate, thereby being fractionated.
- 7. (currently amended): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the respective captured targets are combined body of the probe, the captured target and the substance derived from a living organism other than the target is electrophoresed in a plurality of capillaries adjacent to and in contact with the substrate, thereby being fractionated.

- 8. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 7, wherein the plurality of capillaries are filled with a material capable of forming a membrane filter or a gel.
 - 9. canceled.
- 10. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the probes are one-dimensionally spotted on the substrate to form a plurality of spots and are fixed thereon.
- 11. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the probes are two-dimensionally spotted on the substrate to form a plurality of spots and are fixed thereon.
- 12. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the target consists of a gene.
- 13. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1 which further comprises a step of labeling the target with a fluorescent substance.
- 14. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the target is labeled with the fluorescent substance prior to binding the target with the probes.

- 15. (currently amended): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim
 13, wherein the combined body of the captured target, the probe and the substance derived from
 a living organism other than the target is labeled with the fluorescent substance after the
 respective combined body of the probe, the captured targets and the substance derived from a
 living organism other than the target were is fractionated.
- 16. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1 which further comprises a step of labeling the target with a labeling substance which generates chemiluminescent emission when it contacts a chemiluminescent substrate.
- 17. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 16, wherein the step of labeling occurs prior to said binding step.
- 18. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 16, wherein the step of labeling occurs after the fractionating step.
- 19. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein the fractionated targets are two-dimensionally scanned and light released from the targets is detected, thereby performing quantitative analysis.

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- 20. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 10, wherein light released from the fractionated targets is detected using an area sensor and quantitative analysis is performed.
- 21. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the fractionated targets are three-dimensionally scanned and light released from the targets is detected, thereby performing quantitative analysis.
- 22. (previously presented): The biochemical analyzing method in accordance with Claim 1, wherein targets electrophoresed to positions in accordance with the kinds of the targets are quantified and analyzed.
 - 23.-41. canceled.